

Region VI – Louisiana

DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT

May 19, 2010

Dallas Region:

Houma:

- A CSHO interviewed the cleanup crews coming in the evening at the Venice staging area. PPE was in accordance with the developed BP matrix. The only issue raised was from one worker who said one day last week he had a headache and pain. He was concerned about inhalation hazards. He told his supervisor who passed it on to BP. The employee has not experienced headaches since the one day, and admitted he has high blood pressure which may have been the cause of the pain.
- A CSHO attended the 6:30 a.m safety meeting and 6:45 a.m. Tool Box Meeting at the Hopedale staging area. A Spanish translator was present for workers. (The CSHO is bilingual and was able to ascertain the efficiency of the translation.) No decontamination work was done today at this site. There were 35 boats with crews of 4-5 workers per boat that were involved in boom deployment. Employees were wearing PPE in accordance with the matrix. No worker complaints of Safety and Health issues.
- There was a crew working for St. Bernard parish, which consisted of 15 workers and 2 boats who participated in the safety training, however, their crews only wore PFDs. As Parish employees, they are not under OSHA jurisdiction, BRAO CSHO provided handouts to them and talked with them about the importance of wearing appropriate PPE
- CSHO also suggested that the staging area post their evaluation plan and actually show new employees to the site the route out of the facility
- A CSHO was at the Grand Isle staging area where she attended the 6:30 a.m safety meeting with the boom crews. No VOPs are utilized. The boats consisted of independent contractors contracted by the US Coast Guard. Each boat had a captain and a 4-man crew made up of various contractors. Each boat was accompanied by another safety boat which had 2 safety professionals and 1 Medic onboard. PPE was worn appropriately and according to the BP PPE matrix. Although this location has not had any injuries/illnesses, employees are aware to report via radio to the safety boat who would relay to BP.
- Staging area employees gave positive feedback to their managers that they are happy see OSHA. Site managers stated that OSHA presence is a morale booster.
- Met with Department of Interior, BP, Region 4, NIOSH to discuss injury and illness reporting and worker sampling and monitoring data
- OSHA conveyed the message to BP that it is vital to post worker/volunteer safety and health sample results and monitoring information for the public
- Coordinated with the MQVN Community Development and the Vietnamese American young Leaders Association of New Orleans on effective methods of distributing OSHA publications to local workers
- Coordinated and developed with Salt Lake Technical Center a detailed sampling strategy (for OSHA) for boats and temporary platforms including special sample handling methods

- Developed talking points for the Department of Labor Women's Bureau forum that will be held at Tulane University about OSHA's role in the MC 252 Oil Response and how it affects women locally
- Provided contact information to Region VI Wage and Hour on potential worker issues that may pertain to them
- Met with Louisiana OSHA Consultation to develop a strategy for continuous audit of BP training classes and staging area visits
- Coordinate with CTC on more IH equipment in preparation for worker sampling and monitoring to be conducting within the next several days. Preparations, training requirements, and clearances are currently being assessed and conducted in conjunction with the US Coast Guard and Unified Command

MC252 Training Metrics

Training Numbers as of 5/19/2010

*Training records in database at PEC Premier

Training	Instructor-Led	CBT	Subtotal
Module 1	2564	-	2564
Module 2	4624*	-	4624*
Module 3 Shoreline	2506*	-	2506*
Module 3 Marine	192*	-	192*
Wildlife	1963	1963	1963
TOTAL	11849	1963	11849

Oil Spill Operations

- Total response vessels: 970
- Containment Boom deployed: more than 1.38 million feet
- Containment boom available: more than 380,000 feet
- Sorbent boom deployed: more than 530,000 feet
- Sorbent boom available: more than 845,000 feet
- Total boom deployed: more than 1.91 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Total boom available: more than 1.22 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oily water recovered: more than 7.87 million gallon
- Dispersant used: more than 600,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: more than 310,000 gallons
- Overall personnel responding: more than 19,400